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THE FAMILY OF HENRY CURTIS OF SUDBURY, MASS.

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1. HENRY¹ CURTIS came to New England in 1635, aged 27 years, in the *Elizabeth and Ann*, and settled at Watertown, Mass., where he was a proprietor in 1636, later removing to Sudbury, Mass., where he was a proprietor in 1639. In deeds he is styled "wheelwright."

He married, probably in Watertown, about 1640, Mary, daughter of Nicholas Guy of Upton Gray, co. Southampton, England, who had come to New England in 1638, in the *Confidence*, and settled at Watertown.

The will of Joan Parker of St. Saviour's, Southwark, co. Surrey, England, dated 24 Aug., 1674, proved the following year, gives to her "brother Henry Curtis of Sundbury in New England," and to his wife, and his three sons, Ephraim, John, and Joseph, 20 shillings each. (REGISTER, vol. xxxii, page 337.)

In Dec., 1668, in a lawsuit concerning property stolen from Henry¹ Curtis, there are depositions of his sons, Ephraim aged 26, John aged 24, and Joseph aged 21, and of Richard Wills aged 20, servant of Ephraim. (Middlesex Co. Court files.)

Henry Curtis died in Sudbury, 8 May, 1678; and his widow, Mary, died there, 3 Dec., 1682; administration of their estates being given to the son Joseph.² (Middlesex Co. Probate, Nos. 3724, 3731.)

Children, born in Sudbury:

- i. LIEUT. EPHRAIM,² b. 31 Mar., 1642; active in King Philip's War; d. before May, 1684, when a committee reported to the General Court that his Worcester property was belonging to his heirs and assigns (Coll. of Worcester Soc. of Antiquity, vol. 3, page 39). There is no probate record of him, nor any mention of a wife or family, and as his property appeared later in the estate of his sole surviving brother, Joseph,² it would indicate that he was unmarried. The final adjustment of the trouble which followed his purchase of the Noyes land at Worcester gave him 50 acres of land within, and 250 acres without, that town. (Mass. Colony Records, vol. v, page 10.) Bodge says of him: "Ephraim Curtis was an important personage in the negotiations at this time [1675] and in the subsequent events. He was . . . about thirty-three years old at this time, a notable scout and hunter, well versed in Indian ways, and intimately acquainted with many of these tribes. He was also a trader, and had a house at Quansigamug (Worcester)." (Soldiers in King Philip's War, pages 104-105.)

ii. JOHN, b. in 1644; d. unmarried, in Sudbury, 31 Dec., 1678.

2. iii. JOSEPH, b. 17 July, 1647.

2. JOSEPH² CURTIS (*Henry*¹) was born in Sudbury, Mass., 17 July, 1647, and died there, 26 Nov., 1700. In 1675 he served in the Mt. Hope campaign in King Philip's War, under Capt. Thomas Prentice. (Bodge's *Soldiers in King Philip's War*, page 81.)

He married, in Sudbury, 5 Feb., 1677, Abigail, born in Sudbury, 14 Oct., 1655, died there, 28 Apr., 1745, daughter of Capt. John and Sarah (Busby-Cakebread) Grout, of Sudbury.

His will, dated 23 Nov., 1700, probated 16 Dec. following, of which his widow, Abigail, was executrix, names his eldest son Ephraim, to whom was given "all my rights titles and interest that is belonging to me in Woster"; son Joseph; and daughters Abigail, Mary, and Sarah. The inventory shows, besides other real estate, "Two farms lying at Woster, the farm containing 250 acres and a fifty acre lot." (Middlesex Co. Probate, No. 3729.)

Children, born in Sudbury:

- i. ABIGAIL,³ b. 2 Mar., 1678-9; d. about 1765; m. about 1705, Capt. John Goulding.
 3. ii. EPHRAIM, b. 4 Sept., 1680.
 - iii. MARY, b. 25 Dec., 1686; m. 14 Dec., 1710, Thomas Stone.
 4. iv. JOSEPH, b. 15 July, 1689.
 - v. SARAH, d. 26 Sept., 1762; m. 28 Dec., 1715, Jonathan Smith.
3. EPHRAIM⁸ CURTIS, ESQ. (*Joseph,² Henry¹*) was born in Sudbury, Mass., 4 Sept., 1680, and there married, 10 May, 1705, Mary, born in Sudbury, 19 Feb., 1682, died there, 22 Feb., 1761, daughter of David and Susanna () Stone, of Sudbury.

He died in Sudbury, 17 Nov., 1759, and his gravestone, in East Sudbury (now Wayland), states that he was a Justice of the Peace, Major of a Regiment, and many years Representative in the General Court. (Hudson's History of Sudbury, Mass., page 570.) In 1741 he was appointed a Special Justice of the Court of Common Pleas. (Mass. Civil List, page 89.)

Administration of his estate was declined by the widow, Mary, and oldest surviving son, John, and, at their request, the son Maj. Joseph was appointed administrator. On the distribution paper is an endorsement as to the heirs, as follows: Ephraim's heirs, eldest son; John; Joseph; Mary Gleason; Susanna's heirs; Samuel's heirs. (Middlesex Co. Probate, No. 3721.)

Children, all born in Sudbury:

5. i. EPHRAIM,⁴ b. 15 July, 1706.
6. ii. CAPT. JOHN, b. 20 Sept., 1707.
- iii. MARY, b. 29 Dec., 1710; d. 1 Dec., 1770; m. 20 Dec., 1732, Ens. Jason Gleason.
- iv. SUSANNA, b. 9 Sept., 1714; d. 1 Feb., 1756; m. Lieut. Jonathan Carter.
7. v. MAJ. JOSEPH, b. 22 Dec., 1721.
- 8. vi. LIEUT. SAMUEL, b. 1 June, 1724.

4. JOSEPH⁸ CURTIS (*Joseph,² Henry¹*) was born in Sudbury, Mass., 15 July, 1689, and died in Medway, Mass., 21 Jan., 1754. He was one of the founders of Medway, 1713. (Jameson's History of Medway, Mass., page 45.)

He married first, about 1716, Hannah ———, who died in Medway, 9 Nov., 1738; and married second, in Medfield, Mass., 12 Mar., 1739-40, Mary, born in Medfield, 26 Feb., 1698-9, died in Medway, 20 Mar., 1779, daughter of John and Judith (Fisher) Bullen, of Medfield.

Children by first wife, all born in Medway:

- i. ABIGAIL,⁴ b. 6 Oct., 1717; d. 23 June, 1807; m. as his second wife, 25 June, 1759, William Richardson.
- ii. HANNAH, b. 28 June, 1721; d. 10 Oct., 1727.
- iii. MARY, b. 24 Aug., d. 25 Aug., 1724.
9. iv. JOSEPH, b. 24 Feb., 1727-8.

Child by second wife, born in Medway :

v. MARY, b. 19 May, 1742; d. 14 Aug., 1756 (?).

5. EPHRAIM⁴ CURTIS (*Ephraim*,³ *Joseph*,² *Henry*¹), born in Sudbury, Mass., 15 July, 1706, settled in Worcester, Mass., where he died, 1 Jan., 1747-8. His father, 9 Nov., 1731, deeded to him a tract of 250 acres of land bounded north by Worcester, westerly by land of Samuel Boutwell and Gershom How, southerly by Sutton town line, and easterly by land some time past claimed by Capt. Nathaniel Jones. (Worcester Co. Deeds, vol. 5, page 403.).

He, then called of Worcester, married in Sudbury, 23 Dec., 1729, Mary, born in 1706, died in Worcester, 1 Dec., 1745, daughter of Isaac and Sibyl (Collins) Rice, of Sudbury.

Children, all born in Worcester :

10. i. SAMUEL⁵ (twin), b. 26 Sept., 1730.
 - ii. JUDITH (twin), b. 26 Sept., 1730; d. young.
 - iii. MARY, b. 5 Mar., 1732; d. unmarried, before 1759.
 - iv. ABIGAIL, b. 21 June, 1734; m. 20 Feb., 1755, Ebenezer Staples.
 11. v. EPHRAIM, b. 6 Sept., 1736.
 - vi. OLIVER, b. 29 Jan., 1740; m. in Sudbury, 7 Apr., 1763, Mary Damon; had *William*,⁶ b. in Worcester, 29 July, 1763; no further record obtained. An Oliver Curtis, of Ward (now Auburn), Mass., m. in Sutton, Mass., 29 June, 1797, Judith Chase, and had *Ephraim*, b. in Ward, 27 Mar., 1798, and *Betsy*, b. in Sutton, 17 May, 1800.
 - vii. JUDITH, b. 15 Oct., 1744.
6. CAPT. JOHN⁴ CURTIS (*Ephraim*,³ *Joseph*,² *Henry*¹), born in Sudbury, Mass., 20 Sept., 1707, settled in Worcester, Mass., where he died, 29 June, 1797.

He served as Capt. of a company for the relief of Fort William Henry, in 1757; and was a signer of the Tory Protest in 1774, but afterwards recanted, and was admitted to favor. From 1754 to 1774 he kept a tavern in Worcester.

He married first, in Sudbury, 4 June, 1729, Rebekah, born Jan., 1709, died in Worcester, 24 Mar., 1755, daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Newell) Wight, of Sudbury; and married second, in Lancaster, Mass., 13 Nov., 1755, Elizabeth, baptized in Lancaster, 22 Nov., 1713, daughter of Rev. John and Mary (-Gardner) Prentice, and widow of Daniel Robbins, of Lancaster, by whom he had no issue.

Children by first wife, all born in Worcester except the first :

- i. JONATHAN,⁵ b. in Sudbury, 9 Aug., 1729; d. 4 Jan., 1732-3.
12. ii. JOHN, b. 19 May, 1731.
- iii. JONATHAN, b. 15 May, 1733.
- iv. SARAH, b. 27 Jan., 1736-7; d. young.
- v. ELIZABETH, b. 28 Dec., 1738.
- vi. WILLIAM, b. 8 Feb., 1740-1; d. 16 Apr., 1749.
- vii. REBEKAH, b. 5 Nov., 1742; d. 4 Oct., 1745.
- viii. JOSEPH, b. 31 Oct., 1744; d. 20 Sept., 1745.
13. ix. JAMES, b. 8 Sept., 1746.
- x. MARY, b. 3 Oct., 1747; m. 27 June, 1771, Dea. John Chamberlain.
- xi. SARAH, b. 28 Aug., 1749; m. Capt. William Jones.
- xii. WILLIAM, b. 29 Jan., 1750-1; served in the Revolution; m. in Worcester, 25 Aug., 1771, Sarah, b. in Worcester, 1 May, 1751, dau. of Jabez and Sarah (Gookin) Tatman, of Worcester; had *Mary*,⁶ bapt. 18 Oct., 1772, and *Sarah*; no further record obtained.
14. xiii. JOSEPH, bapt. 21 Mar., 1752; served in the Revolution.
15. xiv. TYLER, b. 28 Apr., 1753.

7. MAJ. JOSEPH⁴ CURTIS (*Ephraim*,³ *Joseph*,² *Henry*¹) was born in Sudbury, Mass., 22 Dec., 1721, and died in East Sudbury (now Wayland), 6 Oct., 1791. In 1757 he was Lieut. of the 1st Foot Company of Sudbury; in 1771 he was Capt. of the 1st Company, Troop of Horse; and 26 Oct., 1778, he appears, with the title of Maj., in Capt. Nathaniel Maynard's muster roll (Hudson's History of Sudbury, Mass., page 406).

He married first, in Sudbury, 11 Sept., 1744, Jane, born in Sudbury, 11 Apr., 1725, died there, 22 Feb., 1748-9, daughter of Peter and Abigail (Thompson) Plympton, of Sudbury; and married second, in Sudbury, 7 May, 1752, Abigail, born in Sudbury, 18 Aug., 1733, died in East Sudbury, 16 Aug., 1805, daughter of Capt. David and Abigail (Jenison) Baldwin, of Sudbury.

Children by first wife, all born in Sudbury:

- i. SARAH,⁵ b. 23 Mar., 1744-5; m. 12 Oct., 1769, Ephraim Abbot.
- ii. MARY, b. 31 Aug., 1746.
- iii. EPHRAIM, b. 4 Aug., 1748; d. before 1798; m. 23 May, 1770, Relief, b. in Sudbury, 6 Nov., 1751, d. after 1798, dau. of Daniel and Thankful () Putnam; resided in Sudbury and Rutland, Mass.; no further record obtained. Children: 1. *Ephraim*,⁶ b. in Sudbury, 20 May, 1771. 2. *Rebecca*, bapt. in Rutland, 27 Dec., 1772. 3. *Jane*, bapt. in Rutland, 12 Feb., 1775. 4. *Lucy*, bapt. in Rutland, 18 May, 1777. 5. *Hannah*, d. in East Sudbury, 10 June, 1798.

Children by second wife, all born in Sudbury:

- iv. COL. DAVID, b. 22 Apr., 1753; d. 27 Oct., 1832; m. 1 May, 1777, Abigail, b. 3 Sept., 1757, dau. of Elijah and Susannah (Stone) Bent, of East Sudbury; resided in East Sudbury; no further record obtained. Children: 1. *Joseph*,⁶ b. 18 Aug., 1779. 2. *David*, b. 7 Apr., 1781. 3. *Henry*, b. 20 Apr., 1783. 4. *John*, b. — May, 1785. 5. *Elijah*, b. — Aug., 1787. 6. *Nabby*, b. 11 Mar., 1792.
 - v. ABIGAIL, b. 21 May, 1755; m. 14 Dec., 1774, Rev. Jonathan Barnes.
 - vi. JANE, b. 31 July, 1754; m. 22 Feb., 1780, Trowbridge Taylor.
 - vii. ELIZABETH, b. 11 Aug., 1759; m. — Hastings.
 - viii. LUCY, b. 11 Apr., 1761; m. 26 Jan., 1786, John Flagg, Jr.
 - ix. LYDIA, b. 19 Apr., 1763; m. 16 June, 1783, David Baldwin.
 - x. JOSEPH, b. 13 July, 1765; d. 22 Aug., 1770.
 - xi. CATHARINE, b. 22 Apr., 1767; d. 19 Aug., 1770.
 - xii. REBECCA, b. 6 July, 1769; d. 23 Aug., 1770.
 - xiii. JOSEPH, b. 2 Jan., 1771.
 - xiv. CAPT. WILLIAM, b. 14 May, 1774; d. 28 Jan., 1820; m. 14 May, 1807, Hannah Larnard; no further record obtained. Children: 1. *Abigail*.⁶ 2. *Catharine*. 3. *William*. 4. *George*. 5. *Hannah Jane*.
 - xv. CATHARINE, b. 9 Dec., 1775.
8. LIEUT. SAMUEL⁴ CURTIS (*Ephraim*,³ *Joseph*,² *Henry*¹) was born in Sudbury, Mass., 1 June, 1724. In 1758 he served as Lieut. under Capt. Samuel Dakin in the expedition against Crown Point, and was killed 20 July, 1758, in the engagement at Half Way Brook, near Fort Edward, N. Y.

He married first, in Sudbury, 20 Feb., 1745-6, Jerusha, born in Sudbury, 18 Dec., 1724, died there, 13 July, 1747, daughter of Robert and Abigail (Sawin) Cutting, of Sudbury; and married second, in Reading, Mass., 25 Aug., 1749, Hannah Nichols, perhaps daughter of Timothy and Hannah (), of Reading.

Child by first wife, born in Sudbury:

- i. JERUSHA,⁵ b. 14 Nov., 1746; m. 6 Aug., 1769, her cousin Robert Cutting.

Children by second wife, all born in Sudbury :

- ii. HANNAH, b. 10 Mar., 1752.
- iii. SAMUEL, b. 17 Jan., 1753.
- iv. SUSANNAH, b. 23 Mar., 1756.
- v. MARY, b. 21 Sept., 1758.

9. JOSEPH⁴ CURTIS (*Joseph*,³ *Joseph*,² *Henry*¹) was born in Medway, Mass., 24 Feb., 1727-8, and died there, 6 Nov., 1791.

He married, in Medway, 12 Oct., 1757, Rachel, born in Medway, 12 May, 1738, died there, 4 Mar., 1810, daughter of Henry and Hannah (Bullard) Daniels, of Medway.

Children, all born in Medway :

- 16. i. JEREMIAH,⁵ b. 25 Mar., 1758.
- ii. ABIGAIL, b. 12 June, 1760; m. 30 Aug., 1777, Asa Adams.
- iii. KEZIAH, b. 16 Aug., 1764; m. 6 June, 1785, Elijah Partridge.
- iv. HANNAH, b. 26 May, 1775; m. 29 Nov., 1798, Henry Bullard, Jr.

10. SAMUEL⁵ CURTIS, ESQ. (*Ephraim*,⁴ *Ephraim*,³ *Joseph*,² *Henry*¹) was born in Worcester, Mass., 26 Sept., 1730, and died there, 18 Oct., 1814. He was a Justice of the Peace, Lieut. of Militia, a member of important committees in the Revolution, and a Representative in the General Court, 1778-1785, 1802, 1804, 1806.

He married, in Worcester, 30 Mar., 1757, Mary, born in Worcester, 8 Nov., 1735, died there, 3 June, 1830, daughter of Maj. Daniel and Mary (Stone-Coggin) Ward, of Worcester.

Children, all born in Worcester :

- i. SAMUEL,⁶ bapt. 21 Jan., 1759; d. young.
- ii. MARY, bapt. 10 Feb., 1760; d. 12 Oct., 1839; unmarried.
- 17. iii. CAPT. SAMUEL, bapt. 11 Oct., 1761.
- iv. EPHRAIM, bapt. 3 Apr., 1763.
- v. SARAH, bapt. 23 June, 1765; m. 1 Dec., 1791, Samuel Boyden.
- vi. LEVI, bapt. 4 Oct., 1767.
- vii. LUCRETIA, bapt. 27 May, 1770; m. 1 Jan., 1800, Aaron Flagg.
- viii. LYDIA, bapt. 26 July, 1772; d. young.
- ix. AZUBAH, bapt. 22 Jan., 1775.
- x. LYDIA, bapt. 13 Aug., 1780.

11. EPHRAIM⁵ CURTIS (*Ephraim*,⁴ *Ephraim*,³ *Joseph*,² *Henry*¹) was born in Worcester, Mass., 6 Sept., 1736. The record of his death has not been obtained.

He married, in Worcester, 4 Dec., 1763, Sarah, daughter of Nathaniel and Elizabeth (Gallup) Paine, of Worcester.

Children, all born in Worcester :

- i. EPHRAIM⁶ (?), d. 9 Oct., 1839, aged 75 yrs.
- ii. DOLLY, bapt. 6 May, 1765.
- iii. SARAH, b. 9 May, 1767; m. 28 Jan., 1790, Ebenezer Mower.
- iv. NATHANIEL, bapt. 16 July, 1769.
- v. ELIZABETH, bapt. 3 Nov., 1771; m. 10 Jan., 1791, William Chamberlain.
- vi. CATHARINE, bapt. 23 Jan., 1774.
- vii. MARY, bapt. 18 Feb., 1776.

12. JOHN⁵ CURTIS (*John*,⁴ *Ephraim*,³ *Joseph*,² *Henry*¹) was born in Worcester, Mass., 19 May, 1731, and died there, 13 Dec., 1768.

He married, in Worcester, 15 May, 1755, Elizabeth, born in Worcester, 14 Sept., 1732, died in Shrewsbury, Mass., 16 May, 1777, daughter of Phinehas and Elizabeth () Heywood, of Worcester.

Children, all born in Worcester :

- i. REBECCA,⁶ b. 13 Feb., 1756; m. 19 Dec., 1782, Samuel Jennison.
- ii. ELIZABETH, b. 26 Feb., 1758.
- iii. JOHN, b. 14 Nov., 1760.
18. iv. DAVID, bapt. 30 Jan., 1763.
- v. NATHANIEL, bapt. 18 Aug., 1765; d. 28 June, 1818.
- vi. DOROTHY, bapt. 26 July, 1767; m. 5 Dec., 1787, David Craige.

13. JAMES⁵ CURTIS (*John*,⁴ *Ephraim*,³ *Joseph*,² *Henry*¹) was born in Worcester, Mass., 8 Sept., 1746, and died 19 Jan., 1789, in Princeton, Mass., where he had settled.

He married, in Shrewsbury, Mass., 24 May, 1770, Sarah, born in Shrewsbury, 25 June, 1749, died in Princeton, 19 Sept., 1787, daughter of Capt. Abraham and Dinah (Rice) Eager, of Shrewsbury.

Children :

- i. AZUBAH,⁶ bapt. in Worcester, 20 Jan., 1771.
- ii. SOPHIA, m. 1 Jan., 1795, Samuel Smith.
- iii. ELIZABETH.
- iv. JAMES.
- v. TYLER, m. 18 Mar., 1802, Maryan Flagg.
- vi. EAGER.
- vii. SARAH.

14. JOSEPH⁵ CURTIS (*John*,⁴ *Ephraim*,³ *Joseph*,² *Henry*¹) was baptized in Worcester, Mass., 21 Mar., 1752, and settled in Shrewsbury, Mass. The record of his death has not been obtained.

He married, in Shrewsbury, 1 Aug., 1774, Eleanor, born in Shrewsbury, 22 Feb., 1758, daughter of Dr. Edward and Mary (How) Flint, of Shrewsbury.

Children, all born in Shrewsbury :

- i. ELEANOR,⁶ b. 15 Dec., 1774; m. in Worcester, 19 May, 1796, Jason Fuller.
- ii. CATHARINE, b. 28 Aug., 1776; d. 15 Nov., 1777.
- iii. WILLIAM, b. 23 Jan., 1779.
- iv. MARY, b. 23 July, 1781.
- v. CATHARINE, b. 19 Sept., 1783.

15. TYLER⁵ CURTIS (*John*,⁴ *Ephraim*,³ *Joseph*,² *Henry*¹) was born in Worcester, Mass., 28 Apr., 1753, and died there, 16 Apr., 1807.

He married, in Worcester, 5 Sept., 1776, Lydia, born in Worcester, 8 Oct., 1755, died there, 5 Oct., 1841, daughter of Jacob and Lydia (Stone) Chamberlain, of Worcester.

Children, all born in Worcester :

- i. TYLER,⁶ b. 15 Feb., d. 23 May, 1777.
- ii. REBECCA, b. 20 July, 1778; m. as his second wife, 4 June, 1804, Rev. David Long.
- iii. JOHN, b. 5 Apr., 1781; d. 14 Sept., 1783.
- iv. JOHN, b. 23 Dec., 1783; d. 3 Aug., 1826; m. 16 Mar., 1807, Nancy Stowell.
- v. SARAH (or SALLY), b. 2 Apr., 1786; d. 24 July, 1788.
- vi. DOLLY, bapt. 25 Aug., 1788; d. 20 Jan., 1791.
- vii. ELIZABETH PRENTICE, b. 17 May, 1791; m. 24 June, 1812, Jonathan Wright.
- viii. NATHANIEL, b. 29 Aug., 1793; d. 28 Mar., 1810.
- ix. SAMUEL, b. 12 June, 1796; d. 17 May, 1811.
- x. TYLER, b. 29 Feb., 1801; d. 17 Mar., 1842.

16. JEREMIAH⁵ CURTIS (*Joseph*,⁴ *Joseph*,³ *Joseph*,² *Henry*¹) was born in Medway, Mass., 25 Mar., 1758, and died there, 5 Aug., 1804.

He married, in Sherborn, Mass., 1 May, 1783, Sarah, born in 1762, died in Medway, 10 Nov., 1828, daughter of Jonas and Sarah () Greenwood, of Sherborn.

Children, all born in Medway :

- i. JEREMIAH,⁶ b. 17 Oct., 1785; d. 3 Jan., 1798.
- ii. JOSEPH, b. 6 Dec., 1787; m. 13 Mar., 1813, Annis Clark.
- iii. SARAH, b. 11 Aug., 1790; m. 8 Jan., 1809, Seth Allen.
- iv. JESSE, b. 13 July, 1792; m. 25 Nov., 1813, Lydia Allen.
- v. POLLY, b. 9 Dec., 1794; d. — Jan., 1837; unmarried.
- vi. KEZIAH, b. 12 Sept., 1797; d. 24 Mar., 1798.
- vii. JONAS, b. 25 Nov., 1799; m. (int. rec. 9 Mar., 1824) Alma Bullard.
- viii. ACHSA, b. 20 Apr., 1803; m. 14 Sept., 1826, Simeon Clark.

17. CAPT. SAMUEL⁶ CURTIS (*Samuel*,⁵ *Ephraim*,⁴ *Ephraim*,³ *Joseph*,² *Henry*¹) was baptized in Worcester, Mass., 11 Oct., 1761, and died there, 29 Jan., 1811. He was a Capt. of Militia.

He married first, in Worcester, 20 Aug., 1785, Eunice, born in Worcester, 16 July, 1762, died there, 22 Aug., 1802, daughter of Col. Benjamin and Abigail (Chadwick) Flagg, of Worcester; and married second, about 1806, Eunice, daughter of ——— Taft and widow of David Stowell, of Uxbridge, Mass.

Children by first wife, all born in Worcester :

- i. SALLY,⁷ b. 25 Nov., 1785.
- ii. ABIGAIL, b. 23 Feb., 1788.
- iii. AARON, b. 5 May, 1790.
- iv. SAMUEL, b. 17 Apr., 1792.
- v. EPHRAIM, b. 8 Apr., 1794.
- vi. LYDIA, b. 22 May, 1796.
- vii. JOHN B., b. 29 Apr., 1798; d. 29 July, 1823.
- viii. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, b. 7 Sept., 1800; m. in Auburn, Mass., 4 Apr., 1731, Hannah S. Wakefield.

Children by second wife, all born in Worcester :

- ix. ALBERT, bapt. 13 July, 1807.
- x. WILLIAM.
- xi. EUNICE, bapt. 21 Oct., 1810.

18. DAVID⁶ CURTIS (*John*,⁵ *John*,⁴ *Ephraim*,³ *Joseph*,² *Henry*¹) was baptized in Worcester, Mass., 30 Jan., 1763, and died there, 12 Feb., 1813.

He married, in Worcester, 5 Dec., 1791, Susannah, born in Rutland, Mass., 7 Jan., 1772, died in Worcester, 16 Dec., 1830, daughter of Lieut. Samuel, Jr., and Dorothy (Fletcher) Stone, of Rutland. She married second, 9 Dec., 1817, as his second wife, Silas Bigelow.

Children, all born in Worcester :

- i. DOLLY FRAZER,⁷ b. 16 Oct., 1792; d. 26 Aug., 1796.
- ii. SUSANNA, b. 15 May, 1794; d. 1 May, 1795.
- iii. BETSEY (?), bapt. 15 June, 1794.
- iv. GEORGE, b. 23 Feb., 1796; lived in Worcester, Mass., Providence, R. I., and New York, N. Y.; d. in Jacksonville, Florida, 9 Jan., 1856; m. (1) in Providence, 6 Mar., 1821, Mary Elizabeth, b. in Providence, 26 Oct., 1798, dau. of Hon. James, Jr., and Sally (Arnold) Burrill, of Providence; and m. (2) in Providence, 3 Apr., 1834, Julia Bowen, b. in Providence, 17 Nov., 1810, dau. of Hon. Samuel Willard and Elizabeth (Paine) Bridgham, of Providence. Among his children were (by the first wife) : *James Burrill*,⁸ b. in Providence, 22 Nov., 1821, d. in England, 15 Jan., 1895; *George William*, L.H.D., LL.D., b. in Providence, 24 Feb., 1824, d. in West New Brighton, Staten Island, N. Y., 31 Aug., 1892, an hon.

- member and hon. vice-pres. of the N. E. Hist. Gen. Soc.; (by the second wife) *Samuel Bridgham*, b. in Providence, 24 Dec., 1834, d. in West New Brighton, Staten Island, N. Y., 29 July, 1887; Lieut.-Col. *Joseph Bridgham*, S.B., b. in Providence, 25 Oct., 1836, d. at Fredericksburg, Va., 13 Dec., 1862; *Edward*, M.D., b. in Providence, 4 June, 1838; and *John Green*, M.D., LL.D., b. in New York, 29 Oct., 1844.
- v. DOLLY FRAZER, b. 1 Jan., 1798; m. 16 Sept., 1823, Dr. John Green.
- vi. SUSANNA (or SUSAN), b. 14 Sept., 1799; m. 24 Oct., 1827, Horatio Rogers.
- vii. JULIANA, bapt. 29 Mar., 1801.
- viii. EDWARD WHITING, bapt. 30 Jan., 1803; d. young.
- ix. EDWARD WHITING, b. 5 Jan., 1806; settled in Rhode Island.
- x. REBECCA JENISON, b. 18 Dec., 1808; m. 21 May, 1844, Thornton Alexander Merrick.
- xi. MARY PALMER, bapt. 26 Jan., 1812.

REGISTER PLAN FOR GENEALOGIES.

DURING the first twenty-three years of the publication of the REGISTER, 1847-1869, no fixed plan for the arrangement of genealogies was required, but each person was allowed to arrange his genealogical contributions according to his own taste or fancy. In the latter year the Publishing Committee, finding that so many different plans were confusing to the readers of the REGISTER, agreed to adopt one, and require articles to be arranged according to it. The plan then adopted was the work of Col. Albert H. Hoyt, the editor at that time, with suggestions from Mr. John Ward Dean, a subsequent editor. The following explanation of the merits of the plan was published in the REGISTER for January, 1870 (xxiv, 79):

1.—It avoids all unnecessary figures. More than enough of these adds greatly to the cost of printing, confuses the reader and mars the page. Consecutive numbers have no advantage except as aids to reference; hence no consecutive number is placed against a name which is not subsequently taken up as the head of a family. Figures used as exponents, as *John*,² are employed but once with the same name.

2.—The personal history of each individual is given in connection with his appearance as the head of a family. If any name is not subsequently taken up as the head of a family, then his or her history is given when the name first occurs.

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